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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SAYSOMBOUN PHIVILAY

Introduced By: Senators Bissaillon, Felag, Ciccone, Britto, LaMountain, Lauria,
Thompson, Mack, Appollonio, and Vargas

Date Introduced: January 21, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, This Senate was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Saysomboun
2 Phivilay, the beloved wife of Khamsing Phivilay for fifty years, and the devoted mother of
3 Phanida Phivilay and her husband, our colleague, Alan Rudolph, and their children Belinda
4 Phivilay and her longtime partner, Treina Santos, Brandon Phivilay, Olivia Bessette, David
5 Rudolph, and Jonathan Rudolph, and Alina Phivilay and her longtime significant other, Frank
6 DeCaro, and their son, Luca DeCaro; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Thakhek, capital of the beautiful Khammouane Province in Laos,
8 Mrs. Phivilay was the youngest daughter of nine siblings, born to the late Sivixay Saycocie and
9 Yvone Salgé; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1975, Mrs. Phivilay married the love of her life, Khamsing, whom she
11 had met in the early 1960s while working in Vientiane, Laos; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1980, the couple, together with their eldest daughter, immigrated to the
13 United States after being sponsored by the Stickney family, and settled in Portsmouth, Rhode
14 Island. Shortly thereafter, they moved to the City of Newport, and in 1986, they purchased their
15 forever home in the Smith Hill neighborhood of the City of Providence; and

16 WHEREAS, With pride and joy, and an unwavering love for her husband, children, and
17 grandchildren, Mrs. Phivilay created a home for her family that was warm and welcoming.
18 Creating lasting memories, she cherished every moment spent with them, cooking Laotian food,
19 and instilling them with the traditions that came from her roots in Laos; and

20 WHEREAS, Saysomboun Phivilay was a gentle soul, filled with love and kindness, and

1 she is, and will always be, deeply missed by those who knew and loved her; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends heartfelt
3 condolences on the passing of Saysomboun Phivilay; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Khamsing Phivilay, Phanida Phivilay and
6 Family, and Alina Phivilay and Family.

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